

GUNS OF THE KAISER'S ARMY NOW WITHIN RANGE OF CITY OF OSTEND; TERRORIZED PEOPLE FLEEING; DIRT SHOWER CLOSES PANAMA CANAL

GERMANS AT OSTENDGATE; TAKE BRUGES

Sixty Thousand Panic Stricken People Await Coming of Invaders.

KING ALBERT HAS LEFT

Inhabitants Fleeing as Fast as Ships Can Be Provided to Carry Them.

London, Oct. 15.—A Central News Amsterdam dispatch confirms the occupation by Germans of Bruges, 15 miles east of Ostend.

Ostend, Oct. 14.—via London, Oct. 15, 1:25 a. m.—Ostend's fate hangs in the balance. The government has left King Albert and the main military headquarters left Tuesday and 60,000 panic-stricken people await the action of the Germans, who are known to have a strong force within twenty miles of the city. The inhabitants are fleeing as fast as ships can be provided to carry them to England. Hospitals were emptied Wednesday and the docks were lined with injured soldiers, while those less severely wounded huddled on canes and crutches.

The wounded were given preference on the transports provided for the beleaguered city, while 25,000 stragglers were massed upon the docks and the refugees were crowded into places on the refugee ships. A German submarine fleet over the harbor and struck terror to those below, many of whom feared the airship might drop bombs on the docks and on the great glass sheds which covered the railway and steamer terminals.

The Belgians guarding the docks opened fire on the airships and continued the fusillade for ten minutes. This created still greater consternation among the thousands of women and children, many of whom had sat for three days on the cement floor of the great terminal sheds, their nerves at the breaking point.

Kaiser's Men on March.
Berlin, Oct. 15.—Information is given out that Germans in Belgium are now on the march, part towards Ostend and part in the direction of the French frontier. The headquarters of Emperor William has been moved further into France. There has been heavy fighting in France, in east Belgium and in the Argonne. French official reports about successes in the latter district are untrue. The Germans have nowhere lost ground. Twenty thousand Belgians and 2,000 Englishmen who defended Antwerp have been interned in Holland. It is reported from Stettin that German destroyers captured six vessels of Norwegian, Danish and Swedish nationality, loaded with goods and provisions destined for England and Russia.

Paris Progress.
Paris, Oct. 15.—(afternoon).—An official statement says: "In Belgium Germans from Antwerp marching toward the west reached the region of Bruges and Thieff. On our left the enemy has evacuated the left bank of the Lys. In the region of Lens and between Arras and Albert our progress has been marked. On the 14th we advanced to the south of the line from Verdun to Metz. On the right a partial offensive by the German north of St. Die has been definitely checked."

Allies' Brigade Ambushed.
London, Oct. 15.—The allies were defeated east of Ghent Sunday morning after another all Saturday night by German artillery, and in the morning one brigade lost its way. It was ambushed and suffered heavily. The retreat was in good order toward Thourout, where fighting continued Monday and Tuesday. This force finally withdrew into France and there has been firing in the neighborhood of Dunkirk.

Allies Holding Own.
London, Oct. 15.—Gloom which has developed over England since the fall of Antwerp has been somewhat lightened by an official communication that the allies are more than holding their own in the fighting on the Franco-Belgian border. But this feeling of elation has been tempered by a growing realization that the Russian invasion of Silesia, which was believed im-

Tells England He Can Quell Revolt



Premier Botha.

Premier Botha of the Union of South Africa has assured the British government that he can quell the revolt of the Boers in the Transvaal. Botha was one of the leading Boer generals in the British-Boer war, but he is now intensely loyal to Great Britain.

An idea of the fierceness of the fighting in western France can be gained from the fact that the town of Roye, now in possession of the allies, has been taken and retaken 12 times. There is no question in the minds of British observers but that the Germans are making desperate efforts to prevent such extension of the battle line.

Expecting Zeppelin Raid.
England is already speculating on the possibility of a German raid, should the enemy succeed in obtaining a base on the coast opposite the narrow part of the English channel.

A correspondent in Italy reports the war fever in that country is abating, even the most determined anti-Austrians agreeing that no belligerent move should be made before next spring. Turkey continues in a truculent mood and trouble already may have begun in the Black sea, where heavy fighting has been heard, and it is believed the German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, sold to Turkey, may be engaging the Russian fleet.

ALLOW ROADS TO TAKE GIFTS FREE

Commerce Commissioners Rule in Reference to Christmas Presents for Europe.

Washington, Oct. 15.—American railroads may transport free of charge, if they decide to do so, gifts made by children of the United States for presentation on Christmas day to children made orphans by the European war. This is the ruling of the interstate commerce commission in connection with plans of American newspapers to send a Christmas ship abroad. The commission said that section 22 of the act to regulate commerce provides that nothing in the act shall prevent carriage of property free or at reduced rates for charitable purposes.

ARREST STORE OWNER IN ARSON GANG CAMPAIGN

St. Louis, Oct. 15.—Abraham Frier, owner of a chain of stores in Illinois and Iowa, was arrested here charged with carrying explosives on interstate passenger trains. The arrest, it was explained, is part of the federal government's efforts to break up an alleged "arson gang."

Frier had stores in Rock Island, East Moline, Ill., and Muscatine, Iowa.

So far as could be learned today Frier is not connected with any chain store now doing business in this city.

Amalgamated Off a Dollar.
New York, Oct. 15.—The Amalgamated Copper company today declared a dividend of 50 cents a share, a reduction of \$1 from the preceding quarter.

ASKS INQUIRY FOR NATION'S WAR FOOTING

Gardner, Back From Europe, Offers Resolution in Congress.

FROWNS ON GERMANS

Cotton States Senators Press Amendment to Revenue Bill for Bond Issue.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, who recently returned from the war zone of Europe, today introduced a resolution for an inquiry into the preparedness of the United States for war, "offensive or defensive."

"Nearly every army and navy officer with whom I spoke told me the story of our inadequate security," Gardner said. "I am convinced the German cause is unholy and that the god of battles will visit defeat upon the Germans."

Cotton states senators today pressed their amendment to the revenue bill to authorize a quarter billion bond issue for the purchase of five million bales of cotton at ten cents a pound.

To Protect Cereal Farmers.
A half billion appropriation to protect cereal farmers along the lines of the cotton amendment was proposed by McCumber. Smoot of Utah introduced an amendment providing that the government purchase copper when it falls below ten cents a pound and issue fifty million in four per cent bonds for the purpose.

CARRANZA STILL CLINGING TO POST

Reports of Resignation of Constitutional Chief Said to Be Premature.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 15.—Adjournment of the Mexican convention at Aguascalientes last night without acting upon the proposed resignation of Carranza, pending arrival of additional Zapata delegates, is announced in an official dispatch to the state department from consular agents this afternoon. Oct. 20 was tentatively agreed upon for the reconvening of the convention.

Aguascalientes, Mexico, Oct. 15.—It is officially reported that as a result of the peace conference yesterday a successor to Carranza for the presidency will be named soon. Reports indicate the conference finished its work successfully last night.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Acting Secretary Lansing today said the state department had no confirmation of published reports that the resignation of Carranza had been presented to or accepted by the Mexican convention at Aguascalientes.

The latest message from Special Agent Kanova, received by the department yesterday, reported General Hays had introduced a resolution to adjourn the convention until Oct. 20 to await the arrival of a full representation of Zapata delegates, there were indications that the resolution would be adopted.

There is no doubt, according to the state department reports, that the question of Carranza's retirement was the most important subject discussed by the convention, though reports of his resignation are premature.

DAVIS CONVICTED OF \$49,000 THEFT

Charged With Having Squandered Mother-in-Law's Fortune in Electric Road.

Jessieville, Ill., Oct. 15.—Edgar M. Davis today was found guilty of embezzling \$49,000 from the estate of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie Cross. Davis was trustee of the estate.

Financial troubles of Davis are attributed to his efforts to complete the Alton, Jacksonville & Peoria Electric railroad, of which he was president. The road is now in the hands of receivers.

Kaiser Keeps in Touch With His Men in the Field



This highly interesting photo shows the kaiser consulting with General Herring, one of the commanders of the army invading France. Prince Oscar, the kaiser's fifth son, who has been repeatedly praised for his heroic work at the front, is shown examining some plans and watching the movements of some troops through the telescope.

Bulletins of the War

Paris, Oct. 15.—The newspaper France du Nord declares when the Germans were defeated at Arras they lost 15,000 men, who were surrounded by French in some marshes.

Berlin, Oct. 15. (wireless).—A telegram from Rotterdam says losses to Belgian and English troops in the bombardment of Antwerp were tremendous.

London, Oct. 15.—King George and Queen Mary and most of the others of the royal family left London today for an extended stay at Sandringham.

New York, Oct. 15.—Two expeditionary forces of Portuguese troops, for one of which English transports were used, sailed from Lisbon Sept. 10, to reinforce garrisons in Portuguese possessions in Africa which adjoin those of Germany. This, announced by a Portuguese consular here, is the first news to reach this country of actual military preparations by Portugal for eventualities.

NOTHSTEIN ATTENDING MINNEAPOLIS SESSION

Rev. I. O. Nothstein, secretary of the English association of Lutheran churches in the Augustana synod, has gone to Minneapolis to attend the annual convention, which is in session there beginning tonight and continuing through Sunday. Rev. S. M. Miller of Trinity church, Moline, will also attend, and will give an address on one of the programs. E. E. Ryden, formerly of this city, and now pastor of the English Lutheran church at Jamestown, N. Y., will also give an address.

TEACHERS LEAVE FOR STATE MEET TONIGHT

About 15 of the teachers from the local high school and a number of the teachers from the grade schools of the city leave tonight for LaSalle, to attend the annual meeting of the Northern Illinois Teachers' association, which convenes today and closes Saturday. The high school will be closed tomorrow and the students given a holiday.

Miss Jeanie E. Sturgeon, instructor in English in the local high school, is chairman of the English department of the association.

CULEBRA CUT SLIDE SHUTS DOWN CANAL

Traffic Through Channel Will Probably Be Interrupted for Some Time.

Panama, Oct. 15.—A serious landslide in Culebra cut late last night interrupted completely all traffic through the Panama canal. Several ships in the canal were unable to complete passage.

Reports indicate earth movements on both sides into the canal from the slopes of Gold and Contractor's hills, which are opposite each other. Colonel Goshals and other officials are making an examination. It is said traffic through the canal will probably be interrupted some time.

FRANK FAILS TO GAIN A NEW TRIAL

Supreme Court Decides Fresh Evidence Insufficient to Reopen Phagan Case.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 15.—Leo M. Frank, under sentence of death for the murder of Mary Phagan, an employee of a pencil factory of which he was superintendent, was denied a new trial by the Georgia supreme court yesterday.

The court held that Frank's showing of newly discovered evidence was insufficient.

This was Frank's fifth attempt to obtain a retrial or annulment of the verdict returned Aug. 25, 1913. He still has pending before the state supreme court an appeal from the lower court's denial of a motion to set aside the verdict on the ground he was not in court when it was returned.

Today's Game at Chicago

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
CUBS	2	0	0									
SOX	0	0	0									

Batteries—Cubs, Humphries and Archer; Sox, Cicotte and Schaik.

AUSTRIANSHIP IS BURNED BY TRIESTE FIRE

Dreadnought Under Construction is Mysteriously Destroyed.

WORKMEN SUSPECTED

Government Arsenal Is Seriously Damaged—German Army Defeated Near Warsaw.

London, Oct. 15.—Fire in the government arsenal at Trieste, principal Austrian seaport on the Adriatic, virtually destroyed an Austrian dreadnought under construction, says a Rome dispatch.

Six torpedo boats were in the work shops. It is alleged quantities of the woodwork in the arsenal were soaked with petrol. A number of workmen were arrested. The arsenal, it is said, was greatly damaged.

A Petrograd dispatch to the messengers of Rome says the Austro-German army yesterday was completely defeated in the vicinity of Warsaw and suffered enormous losses. The Russians are said to have taken thousands of prisoners.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says the evacuation of Goldap, East Prussia, by the civilian population is revealed by a correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, who says the departure was caused by military reasons and precautions.

Germans Claim Victories.
Berlin, Oct. 15. (by wireless).—It is officially announced today that a battle east of Wirballen, Russian Poland, raging since Oct. 4, continues favorable to the Germans. Repeated attempts of the Russians to storm the trenches resulted in heavy losses. The Austrian stronghold of Przemyśl is now entirely freed of the Russian siege.

WIFE DRUNKARD; GIVEN A DIVORCE

William Slagle Gets Decree From Spouse Who Likes Flowing Bowl.

Because his wife was a habitual drunkard, William Slagle was granted a divorce this morning in circuit court from Mrs. Maggie Slagle, by Judge R. W. Olmsted. Mrs. Alvina Danielson was given a decree from her husband John Danielson, on the same grounds. The sum of \$10 a month alimony and solicitor's fees of \$25 were allowed. H. M. McCaskrin was attorney in both cases.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Gertie Wilson was divorced from Frank Wilson on grounds of drunkenness and desertion and given her maiden name of Gertie Reed. M. E. Sweeney was the attorney. Mrs. Mamie Painter was awarded a decree from Harvey Painter on grounds of cruelty. The couple was married February 3, 1904. Mrs. Mae E. Fuller was separated from her husband, Harry O. Fuller. The couple was married September 23, 1902, and lived together until July 4, 1913. Desertion was charged. J. K. Scott was the counsel in the two last suits.

VERDICT GUILTY IN MURDER CASE

Johann Whynak was found guilty of murder in the second degree in the district court in Davenport late yesterday afternoon. The verdict carries with it a sentence of from ten years to life imprisonment. Attorneys for Whynak immediately filed a motion for a new trial, and Judge Theophilus will give his decision upon the motion in the next few days.

Attorneys for the state did not ask extreme punishment for Whynak, who was tried on a charge of murdering his wife, beheading her with a butcher knife several months ago, at their home in Davenport.

The jury was out four hours, from 11:45 o'clock in the morning until 3:45 in the afternoon. The defense in the case was temporary insanity, which County Attorney Fred Vollmer termed "a sham defense."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature. Temperature at 7 a. m. 51. Highest yesterday 51. Lowest last night 51. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 2 miles per hour. Precipitation up to 7 a. m. .28 inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 97, at 7 a. m. 100. Stage of water 4.5, a rise of .2 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Jupiter, Mars, Venus. Morning star: Saturn. Two stars near the brilliant star Capella, of constellation Auriga, seen due northwest about 8:30 p. m., are known as "the Kids," or "Babes in the Woods."

MANAHAN SPEAKS AS PROGRESSIVE

Republican From Minnesota Talks in Moline in Behalf of Robins.

James Manahan, congressman-at-large from Minnesota, and a republican, spoke at the corner of Fifteenth street and Third avenue in Moline today. He is stumpng Illinois for Raymond Robins, progressive candidate for the United States senate.

Again tonight at the Moline Turner hall the Minnesota man will talk in behalf of Robins. In today's speech he devoted attention to both Robins' opponents, scoring Roger Sullivan, democratic nominee, and saying about Senator Sherman:

"General Sherman is as bad as Sullivan. He supported the infamous Allen bill in the Illinois legislature. He has been wrong in congress on every progressive measure of importance, wrong on the labor exemption bill, the grain inspection bill, the New Haven investigation, the parcel post amendment."

"Raymond Robins is the only candidate whose record is clean and whose principles are right."

POVERTY PROBLEM IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Tomorrow evening the Men's club of Broadway church will hold its regular monthly meeting at the church. Sepper will be served promptly at 6:30, after which a discussion on the subject of the distribution of wealth and poverty will be the program.

Some very able speakers have been secured and several of the regular members may be brought into the affair, in a way that it is expected will show many angles of the theme and furnishing an evening of instruction.